Find themselves in a fix as Indian Oil majors have been charging 38% higher price for Naphtha over international prices resulting in higher tariff for the power produced so; and

(b) if so, in what way Government plan to resolve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) Some of the Independent Power Producers who are pursuing naphtha based power projects in the country have made representations stating that the pricing mechanism for liquid fuels for power generation, particularly naphtha, has resulted in higher tariff for the power produced by these projects. It has been stated by Indian oil companies that they are supplying fuel on 'import parity basis'.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the concerned agencies.

Population of Delhi

* 146. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi's population has been reported to be 1.43 crores;

(b) if so, the reasons for the unexpected increase in the population;

(c) whether the current census exercise is expected to reveal the number of migrants particularly Bangladeshis; and

(d) if so, in what way Government propose to proceed against these migrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The exact population of Delhi as per Census of India 2001, will be known only after the population enumeration is over. However, considering the fact that the percentage decadal increase in each of the last four censuses since 1951 has been approximately 52%, it has been estimated that the projected population of Delhi would be about 1.44 crores.

(b) The government is aware that the population of Delhi is increasing due to reasons of urbanisation and migration apart from the natural increase.

(c) and (d) The current Census exercise may not reveal the number of migrants from other countries including Bangladesh, since no question on nationality is being canvassed.

National Textile Policy

† *147. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the National Textile Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether interests of textile mill workers would be protected under this policy;

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(d) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHI RAM RANA): (a) to (d) The formulation of the new Textile Policy is under active consideration and would be finalised soon keeping in mind interests of workers also.

Small Hydro Power Projects

*148. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many small hydro project have been completed alongwith their generation capacity, out of the total 4011 identified projects with a capacity of 8371.56 MW;

(b) the projects under implementation and their likely generating capacity;

(c) Government's views regarding progress in this field; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to enhance private sector participation in the field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) 353 small hydro projects (SHP) with an

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.